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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 98-385-J)

PATENT

In re Application of: Hauptmann et al.)
Serial No.: 09/899,429)
Filed: July 3, 2001)
For: TNF Receptors, TNF Binding)
Proteins and DNAs Coding For Them)

Before the Examiner: E. O'Hara

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 31, 2002

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Pursuant to revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicants present the amendments to the specification at page 2, marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version of the specification, and a complete listing of the claims, including marked up versions of all currently amended claims, at pages 3-10.

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